

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR MERCK SHARP & DOHME CORP. - RAHWAY

DRAFT TITLE V OPERATING PERMIT RENEWAL

Program Interest (PI): 41712 / Permit Activity Number: BOP190001

The New Jersey State Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) is seeking public comment on its intent to approve an air pollution control Operating Permit Renewal for this facility pursuant to the provisions of Title V of the Federal Clean Air Act, the federal rules promulgated at 40 CFR 70, and the state regulations promulgated at N.J.A.C. 7:27-22. These rules require existing facilities with a potential to emit major amounts of air contaminants to obtain an operating permit which specifies the air pollution control requirements that apply to the facility; the maximum amount of air pollutants which can be emitted; and the monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements to assure compliance.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.- Rahway is located at 126 E Lincoln Ave, Rahway NJ 07065 – 2000. (Union County). The facility is owned by Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. and is operated by Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.

FACILITY PROCESSES AND AIR EMISSIONS INFORMATION

For information about the facility's processes and their air emissions please refer to the Statement of Basis available on this webpage at <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/agpp/publicnotices.htm>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

This public notice, the statement of basis, and the draft permit have been posted at the Department's website: <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/agpp/publicnotices.htm>. The draft permit is generally available for inspection at NJDEP/Air Permits, 401 E State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625 and at the Central Regional Field Office located at 7 Ridgedale Avenue, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927. (Tel No. 973-656-4444). However, due to the COVID-19 emergency, the Department has temporarily suspended in-person visits for reviewing air permit information. Instead, any person who cannot obtain a copy of the permit application and any supporting materials from the website above can call 609-292-6722 for further assistance.

All persons, including the applicant, who believe that any condition of the draft Air Pollution Operating Permit or the Department's tentative decision to approve this permit is inappropriate, must raise all reasonable issues of concern and submit all arguments and factual grounds or materials supporting their position during the public comment period. Any comments on this draft permit must be received within sixty days of the date of this notice by either (1) email addressed to Art Lehberger at Art.Lehberger@dep.nj.gov or (2) by mail and addressed to Art Lehberger, NJDEP, 401 E State Street, 2nd Floor, PO Box 420, Mail Code 401-02, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420. Members of the overburdened community may request to extend public comment period by an additional thirty (30) days to provide the information regarding potential environmental and public health stressors that could result in adverse impacts upon the overburdened community.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:27-22.11(f), any person may request that the Department hold a public hearing on the draft permit. A request for a public hearing shall be submitted, in writing, within thirty days of the date of this notice to the Department at the Trenton address listed above. The request for public hearing shall include a statement of issues to be discussed at the public hearing. The statement of issues shall be relevant to the draft permit under review by the Department.

The Department will consider and respond to all written and timely submitted comments. The applicant, and each person, who submitted written comments, will receive a notice of the Department's final decision regarding the Operating Permit and a copy of the Response to Comment document.